

A2 32. A method for purifying protein S from an aqueous solution comprising contacting the solution with a composition comprising the extreme N-terminal SCR module of the β -chain of the C4BP molecule to form a protein S / ligand complex, separating the complex from the solution and releasing the protein S from the complex.

In The Specification:

Please insert the following priority claim on page 2 prior to paragraph [001]:

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A/B1 --This is a divisional application of U.S.S.N. 08/978,285, filed November 25, 1997, the disclosure of which is incorporated by reference.--

REMARKS

Upon entry of the preliminary amendment claims 20-32 are pending in the instant 37 C.F.R. §1.60 divisional application. Claims 1-19 have been canceled prior to calculating the filing fee for this application.

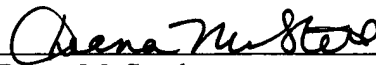
No new matter is introduced by Applicants' new claims.

CONCLUSION

Early favorable action in the instant application is respectfully requested. The Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned at (617) 310-8168 if the Examiner believes that a telephone conference will expedite prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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